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Epidemic Disease
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the norms fixed by the Government for declaration of any disease to be an epidemic;

(b) the names of diseases which took the country in grip during the last two years along with the extent of spread of such diseases; and

(c) the names of diseases declared to be epidemic along with the areas in which the said epidemics spread?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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(a): An epidemic is occurrence in community or region of cases of an illness, specific health related behavior or other health related events in excess of normal expectancy.

(b): Seasonal Influenza caused by Influenza A H1N1 virus took the country in grip in 2015. Large number of cases were reported from the states of Delhi, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh.

(c): States have reported outbreaks of epidemic prone diseases through the Integrated Disease Surveillance Progamme. The outbreaks recorded State-wise/ disease-wise for the year 2014 & 2015 is placed at Annexure.